(c) and (d) After the successful demonstration of the 50 KW unit, BHEL will commercially offer units of 50-200 KW ratings with hydrogen as fuel to industries.

Supply of Coal

6545. SHRI SHANTILAL PARSOTAMDAS PATEL :
SHRI N.J. RATHWA :
SHRI JAISINH CHAUHAN :
SHRI SANAT MEHTA :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) the details of allotment of coal made to various Power Houses and various industries in Gujarat during the year 1994, 1995 and 1996 (upto December) and actually supplied to each power-house and industry-wise;

(b) whether the allotment of coal to each industry during these years were sufficient as against the demand; and

(c) if not, the industry-wise backlog remains to be fulfilled ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) The requirements of coal are assessed Industry/Sector-wise for the whole country. They are not assessed State-wise. However, power house-wise requirements are assessed by Central Electricity Authority based on the generation target fixed for each individual power house and accordingly linkages are provided by the Standing Linkage Committee. Details regarding coal linkages and supplies made to power houses and coal supplies made to various industrial sectors in the State of Gujarat during the year 1993-94 to 1995-96 are given below :-

(In '000 tonnes)

(Data provisional)

Year	Power		Cement	Fertiliser	Paper	Tex/Rayon	Others
	Linkage	Despatches					
1993-94	14235	12845	842	308	70	374	1546
1994-95	15435	12856	554	187	84	318	1086
1995-96	15120	13684	518	201	75	207	1161

(b) and (c) As a result of high priority given for supply of coal to the power sector and as a result of a sharp increase in the demand from this sector, supplies of coal to the industrial consumers has been affected. Coal companies are however endeavouring to meet the requirements of coal of all consumers in the country including that of consumers in Gujarat by increasing production of coal. In addition coal from a number of collieries is being offered under the Liberalised Sales Scheme under which scheme coal is supplied without the requirements of linkage/sponsorships. Option of import of coal is also now available.

Consultations with WTO on India's Balance of Payments

6546. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any consultation with World Trade Organisation on India's balance of payments was held in Geneva;

(b) if so, the details of points raised by India;

(c) whether the consultations will be taken up again in June, 1997; and

(d) if so, the details of issues/points are likely to be raised in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) to (d) At the consultations held by the Committee on Balance of Payments Restrictions of the World Trade Organisation with India under Article XVIII : (B) of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (CATT), 1994 in January, 1997, the Indian delegation stated that although the overall balance of payments position had improved and could not be described as critical, there was still need for caution and careful monitoring. The price of crude oil, which represented one quarter of India's imports, had risen significantly, and debt and debt service to exports ratios were too high for comfort. Furthermore, the fiscal deficit still remained high, domestic savings were insufficient to meet investment needs, inflation was inching back up and growth in exports had been volatile in recent months. The Indian delegation pointed out that, in this situation,